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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) TRANSIT OF THE SUEZ
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1. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER (REEVE) CALLED ON DEPT (PM/ISO)
MARCH 1 TO REPORT THAT UK HAD LEARNED THAT THE EGYPTIAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
HAD REQUESTED IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE CONCERN-
ING THE PREPARATION OF REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD APPLY TO THE
OPERATION OF NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS IN THE SUEZ CANAL. THE

EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED THAT THE RECENT BRITISH REQUEST TO TRANSIT THE NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE DREADNOUGHT HAD PUT GOE QUOTE ON THE SPOT. END QUOTE. THE EGYPTIAN FURTHER COMMENTED THAT QUOTE THERE IS A CERTAIN COUNTRY WHICH HAS MANY NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS WHICH MIGHT WANT TO TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL. END QUOTE. IAEA IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED THE EGYPTIAN TO PUT HIS REQUEST IN WRITING.

2. IAEA VIENNA: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER DISCRETELY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON EGYPTIAN APPROACH TO IAEA WHICH MIGHT INDICATE GOE THINKING ON THE SUEZ CANAL NPW TRANSITS. VANCE

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